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Sir:

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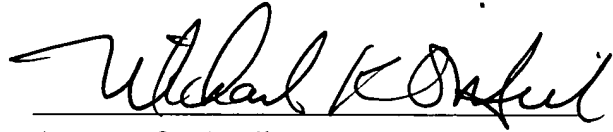
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These documents were cited in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/344,509, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not enclosed as they are of record in parent Application No. 09/344,509.

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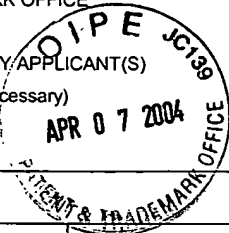
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